(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases reported during the last 2-3 years;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) There have been some isolated incidents of Army personnel shooting at fellow soldiers during last three years. The yearwise details are as follows:

Year	Soldiers running amok
2004	06
2005	06
2006 (as on 01 May 2006)	02

These isolated incidents are due to interaction of various factors including stress. However, it would be wrong to assume that the troops are facing any fatigue.

(d) Rigorous military training from the recruitment stage and inculcation of espirit de corps makes a soldier less vulnerable to stress. Instructions have been issued to sensitise Commanders at all levels to the feelings and needs of the troops. Timely and positive response to their requirements and unit sentiments are encouraged.

MiG-21 aircrash in Barmer, Rajasthan

2601. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether another MiG-21 aircraft crashed in barmer District of Rajasthan on 21st March, 2006;

(b) the findings of the statutory inquiry held In the crash and the action taken thereon; and

(c) the number of Indian Air Force aircrafts, category-wise, destroyed due to accidents during 2005, and so far during 2006?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Investigation in this accident has been completed and the cause of the accident has been established as Human Error (Aircrew). A continuous and multi-faceted effort is always underway in the Indian Air Force to enhance and upgrade flight safety.

(c) A total number of 11 aircraft of the Indian Air Force were lost during the financial year 2005-2006. Out of these 11 aircraft, 6 were fighters, 1 bomber, 2 helicopters and 2 trainers. There has been no accident of aircraft during the financial year 2006-2007, so far.

Accident of INS Prahar

2602. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy lost its Naval Missile Boat, INS Prahar in an accident;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total loss suffered by the country in this accident;

(d) whether any inquiry has been held in this matter;

(e) if so, the outocme of this inquiry; and

(f) the action taken by Government on this report?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f) The Indian Naval ship Prahar met an accident with a merchant vessel Rajiv Gandhi at 2145 Hrs on 21st April, 2006, 20 nautical miles west of Goa and sank just after midnight. All the 73 crew members of INS Prahar have been rescued. The sinking of the ship caused a loss of Rs.160.45 crore approximately. A Board of Inquiry (BOI) has been ordered to investigate the matter. Appropriate action will be taken after receipt of the Board of Inquiry report.

No mechanism for disposal of residual scrap in Rajasthan

†2603. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in Rajasthan, where Armed Forces are present and perform exercises on Pokharan Nal Field Firing Range etc., the proper mechanism for the disposal of residual scrap is available and sometime unused bombs also mixes with that scrap;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.